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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, claims 1, 5, 7, and 12 have been amended. Claims 1-7, 9, and 11-16 are in the case. The Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the present application.

The Office Action objected to claim 5 as lacking antecedent basis.

In response, the Applicants have amended claim 5 as suggested by the Examiner to overcome this objection.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9, and 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Camp (U.S. Patent No. 6,011,323). The Applicants have amended the independent claims 1, 7 and 12. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the newly amended claims.

The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection based on the arguments below and the amendments to the claims.

In particular, the Applicants contend that the Camp reference does not disclose all of the elements of the Applicants' claimed invention.

However, the Examiner stated that claim 10 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. As such, although the Applicants contend that the claims are allowable before the present amendment, in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this case, the Applicants have added the limitations of allowable claim 10 into the independent claims. Hence, the Applicants submit that claims 1-7, 9, and 11-16 are allowable.

Consequently, the rejections are moot. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) should be withdrawn.

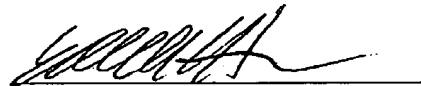
With regard to the dependent claims, since they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, they are therefore patentable on the same basis. (MPEP § 2143.03).

In view of the arguments and amendments set forth above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the subject application are in immediate condition for allowance. Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be

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allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly request the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at **(818) 885-1575**.

Respectfully submitted,
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